



# EI-news

## IRTS supporting Amateur Radio



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### Cork Radio Club



Cork Radio Club will hold its November meeting in Carrigtwohill Community Centre on Wednesday the 8<sup>th</sup> starting at 20:00. The club invites anybody interested in studying for the Amateur Radio examination over the winter months to attend this meeting. If you cannot attend, please contact the club by email on [info@corkradioclub.ie](mailto:info@corkradioclub.ie) or by telephone/text to 087-6290574. Visitors and new members are always very welcome at club meetings and further information about the club is available by emailing [info@corkradioclub.ie](mailto:info@corkradioclub.ie).

### Wild Atlantic Way

The closing date for 20<sup>th</sup> October has passed and since there is very little interest by clubs nationwide, willing to air in a coordinated way all 9 WAW call signs during the month of November, the initiative is no longer a runner. We thank the clubs that took part in this activity. From now until the 31<sup>st</sup> December the current rules apply - contact the coordinator for a particular WAW call with your preferred date, time and mode. Individuals are encouraged to air as many WAW callsigns as possible, with particular emphasis on the WAW callsigns with the least QSOs. The WAW initiative has exceeded expectations to the extent that all WAW participating counties, who funded the QSL cards, have been reimbursed their full costs.



LRC members, Harry EI2KL, Brendan, EI0CZ and Tom, EI5CA will continue with CW instruction for beginners on the LRC 2 metre repeater each Monday after the IRTS News, which is read at 20:00. On the following Tuesday evenings at 20:00 there will be instruction aimed at those who have gone a little rusty. Sessions generally last up to three quarters of an hour. If there is sufficient interest, a practice class/classes can be arranged in Atlantic Air Ventures Shannon. Please contact LRC Club Secretary Harry, EI2KL at [contact@limerickradioclub.ie](mailto:contact@limerickradioclub.ie)

### EIDX



The EIDX Group, who brought you 9N7EI earlier this year, are delighted to announce their next DXpedition for 2018. A team of 14 operators will be QRV for 2 consecutive weekends from March 21<sup>st</sup> to April 3<sup>rd</sup> also taking in the WPX SSB contest. The team have carefully selected an ideal location on the shores of lake Malawi and will be QRV as 7Q7EI on all bands from 160m through 10m, SSB, CW and RTTY. They are delighted to announce that their website is now up and running and can be visited at [www.7q7ei.com](http://www.7q7ei.com), so please visit their site from time to time as they will try to keep it as up to date as possible.



### ISS Contact

Last week, members of Cork Radio Club supported by IRTS and ARISS (Amateur Radio on the International Space Station) successfully established direct contact with Joe Acaba, KE5DAR, one of the NASA astronauts on the International Space Station. The 2 metre base station was set up in Glanmire Community School and pupils from the school were able to question Joe on a wide range of topics related to the space programme. The contact with the ISS was, by arrangement, shared with pupils in a school in Romania, who spoke to the astronaut via the 2 metre link in Glanmire.

### 5L3BI – Baiyah Island, AF-111P – Liberia



EI5GM, EI9FBB and MM0NDX have been issued with the Liberian callsigns EL2GM, EL2BB and EL2EL. It's their plan to use these calls after the 5L3BI activity from the LRAA (Liberia Radio Amateur Association) in Monrovia, probably on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. However, if due to bad weather / sea conditions they cannot land on the island, then they will revert to using these calls during late October / early November from mainland Liberia.



## IRTS AGM 2018

### 14/15 April 2018



Galway Bay Hotel, Salthill, Galway

Hosted by Galway VHF Group

For more information contact Steve EI5DD

## Amateur Station Licence Examination



There are just over two weeks to the closing date for the next Amateur Station Licence Examination which will be held on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December in the ComReg Offices in Dublin. Quite a number of applications have already been received and as places are limited and are allocated on a first come first served basis, those intending to sit the examination would need to apply very soon. Full details, including entry procedure, examination fee and how to pay the fee online are available at [www.irts.ie/exam](http://www.irts.ie/exam) Please note that it is necessary to download the application form from the web page and forward the completed form and the appropriate fee so as to secure a place for the examination. It is important to note that even if you pay the fee online you must still complete and forward the application form. The closing date for receipt of completed applications is Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November.

## WAW Operators Required

As we enter the last two months of the Wild Atlantic Way initiative to promote Amateur Radio, the number of requests to the WAW QSL manager has increased significantly - especially for Leitrim EI22WAW, Sligo EI33WAW, Mayo EI44WAW and Galway EI55WAW. Help from licenced individuals and clubs, operating in EI, to increase the number of QSOs will be very much appreciated - so please contact the coordinators for those call signs. For more information check the IRTS web site at [www.irts.ie](http://www.irts.ie) where you will find the list of coordinators under Wild Atlantic Way - Operators Wanted [http://www.irts.ie/cgi/st.cgi?waw\\_ops](http://www.irts.ie/cgi/st.cgi?waw_ops)



## Members Ads

### For Sale

Kenwood TS-140S HF Transceiver  
MC-43S handheld Mic + 12V DC Cable  
Owners Manual - All V.G.C.  
**€350**

Yaesu FRG-100 HF receiver  
incl FM module,  
500Hz narrow CW filter  
PA-11C 12V PSU,  
**€350**

Morse Keys : Hi Mound Manipulator **€30**  
Kent Single Paddle Morse key **€60**  
Kent Twin Paddle Morse key **€60**

Photos of all items available.

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## Spanish 60 metre Allocation

The Spanish State Official Newsletter, Boletín Oficial del Estado (BOE) this week carried the new National Frequency Allocation Chart (CNAF) which contains some good news for Spanish radio amateurs. It included the new global 60m allocation, 5351.5 - 5366.5 kHz secondary that was agreed at ITU WRC-15. As a result you may now be able to hear another country operating on these frequencies.

### ECHO IRELAND

There is a vacancy for the position of Editor of  
Echo Ireland.

If you would like to contribute to the production of the  
Society's Journal contact Séamus [EI8BP](mailto:EI8BP)

## Renew your IRTS Membership

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membership for another year

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## Contests – November 2017

[WA7BNM Contest Calendar](#) : [RSGB HF Contests](#) : [UKEICC Contests](#) : [IRTS Contests](#)

Wed 1	20:00	1 hour	<a href="#">UKEICC SSB</a>	80m, work everyone, exchange Locators, e.g. IO63
Tue 7	20:00	1 hour	<a href="#">IRTS 80m Counties SSB/CW</a>	80m, work everyone, send serial, county
Sat 11	00:00	48 hours	<a href="#">WAE DX RTTY</a>	80-10m, serials, work everyone but see rules for QTCs
Sat 11	12:00	24 hours	<a href="#">OK-OM DX CW</a>	160-10m, work OK/OL/OM only, send serial, receive district
Sat 11	20:00	3 hours	<a href="#">RSGB AFS SSB/CW</a>	160, work everyone, exchange serials
Mon 13	20:00	90 minutes	<a href="#">RSGB Autumn Series DATA</a>	80m, exchange serials, work UK only
Sat 18	12:00	24 hours	<a href="#">LZ DX SSB/CW</a>	80-10m, work everyone, send ITU zone, receive LZ district
Sat 18	19:00	4 hours	<a href="#">RSGB 1.8MHz CW</a>	160m, work everyone, serials, receive District Code from UK
Wed 22	20:00	90 minutes	<a href="#">RSGB Autumn Series SSB</a>	80m, exchange serials, work UK only
Sat 25	00:00	48 hours	<a href="#">CQWW DX CW</a>	160-10m, exchange CQ Zone (14 for EI/GI entrants)
Wed 29	20:00	1 hour	<a href="#">UKEICC CW</a>	80m, work everyone, exchange Locators, e.g. IO63
Thu 30	20:00	90 minutes	<a href="#">RSGB Autumn Series CW</a>	80m, exchange serials, work UK only
Every Wed		60 mins	<a href="#">CWops Mini Contests</a>	160-10m, three separate CW contests

List compiled by Joe [EI7GY](#) (All times are UTC)